


# Job states

When working with Handler Functions in RunPod, it's essential to understand the various states a job can go through from initiation to completion. Each state provides insight into the job's current status and helps in managing the job flow effectively.

## Job state

Here are the states a job can be in:

- **IN\_QUEUE**: This state indicates that the job is currently in the endpoint queue. It's waiting for an available worker to pick it up for processing.
- **IN\_PROGRESS**: Once a worker picks up the job, its state changes to **IN\_PROGRESS**. This means the job is actively being processed and is no longer in the queue.
- **COMPLETED**: After the job successfully finishes processing and returns a result, it moves to the **COMPLETED** state. This indicates the successful execution of the job.
- **FAILED**: If a job encounters an error during its execution and returns with an error, it is marked as **FAILED**. This state signifies that the job did not complete successfully and encountered issues.
- **CANCELLED**: Jobs can be manually cancelled using the `/cancel/job_id` endpoint. If a job is cancelled before it completes or fails, it will be in the **CANCELLED** state.
- **TIMED\_OUT**: This state occurs in two scenarios: when a job expires before a worker picks it up, or if the worker fails to report back a result for the job before it reaches its timeout threshold.

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